

## House Resolution 1186

By: Representative Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Roy Lee Burns, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mr. Roy Lee Burns, Sr.; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Burns was born on December 25, 1933, in Washington, Georgia, the  
5 beloved son of the late Robert L. Burns and Annie Bell Tolbert; and

6 WHEREAS, he joined the United States Army in 1954 to serve as a guardian of this nation's  
7 freedom and liberty with the Army Corps of Engineers and later served as a Green Beret in  
8 the Special Forces Operations; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Burns bravely and valiantly served two tours of duty in Vietnam and had  
10 earned the prestigious post as a Military Intelligence Warrant Officer by the conclusion of  
11 his selfless service to this country; and

12 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Burns was called to serve the Lord in  
13 1981, and led the congregations of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Elberton, Georgia, and  
14 Macedonia Baptist Church and New Sutton Temple Church in Washington, Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Burns was a faithful servant to his community as well as God, working  
16 diligently with the elderly population of Wilkes County in developing and securing a grant  
17 to fund construction for the Wilkes County Senior Citizen Center and serving as director of  
18 the facility; and

19 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage for 56 wonderful years to his supportive and  
20 caring wife, Addie, and he was blessed with seven children, 25 grandchildren, and eight  
21 great-grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
23 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and, by the example he made of his life, he  
24 made this world a better place in which to live; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Burns will long be remembered for his  
26 love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend  
27 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Roy Lee Burns, Sr.,  
30 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Roy Lee  
33 Burns, Sr.